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Andrew Woodall House Site
King Street, Georgetown
c. 1860

The Andrew Woodall House Site is of significance to the study of architecture as it is the location of the only Italianate style house to have been built in Georgetown its historical significance is enhanced by the fact that its builder was a man of great energy and enterprise. Captain Andrew Woodall was the most successful mid-19th century shipper of Georgetown, having had a greater impact than anyone else on the port of Georgetown since it was burned by the British in 1813.

It is unclear from the records when Andrew Woodall acquired Lot No. 7, but Lots Nos. 14 and 15 were acquired by his father, Simon, from Catherine Pearce, in 1849.¹ Woodall purchased adjoining lots from the Tax Collector in 1852 on which he built his warehouses.² With the profit he made on shipping merchandise to market, he invested in other properties, sometimes holding the mortgages for others. In some instances, when the mortgagees were unable to meet their commitment, the property was foreclosed upon. By the time of Woodall's death, he owned about a dozen farms in Cecil and Kent Counties, some of which remain in the ownership of his descendants.

On the 1860 map, Andrew Woodall is shown residing in the house on Lot No. 7. The townhouse remained in the family until the 1960's when it was sold to the Georgetown Yacht Basin Company which demolished the houses on the property in order to enlarge their business.

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1. Land Records, Lib. JNG 12, fol. 392.
2. Land Records, Lib. JFG 4, fol. 435.

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. K-527

Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Lot # 7

and/or common Andrew Woodall Residence

2. Location

street & number King Street (Rt. 213) opposite Front Street ☐ not for publication

city, town Georgetown ☐ vicinity of 1st congressional district

state Maryland county Kent

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial <input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational <input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial <input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Georgetown Yacht Basin, Inc.

street & number P. O. Box 8 telephone no.:

city, town Georgetown state and zip code Maryland 21930

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Kent County Courthouse liber JTD 15

street & number Cross Street folio 122

city, town Chestertown state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title N/A

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

pository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition

☐ excellent
☐ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☒ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

At the foot of the hill on the west side of U.S. Rt. 213, above the parking lot for the marina, is a cleared site lined along the road with Nellie Stevens hollies. A set of concrete steps ascends from the road to the side of the former house. This is the site of a mid-19th century Italianate style three-story dwelling that was the home of Andrew Woodall.

The house that Woodall built on lot #7 of the plat of Georgetown consisted of a three-bay-wide one-room deep three-story frame structure with a four-bay two-story back wing. A later two-bay extension was built onto the south end of the wing prior to the photograph which shows the east side of the building.

The house was similar to Ward's Knowledge, a contemporary house in Cecil County, where the main block was only three bays wide and the service wing was to the rear. Woodall's house had a one-story flat roof porch across its north facade overlooking the river. Another porch stretched along the east side (the road). Because the service wing was on the same plane as the east wall of the main block it is assumed that the stair hall was located on the east side with parlor on the west, dining room in the middle room of the wing and the kitchen in the back room.

Little more can be ascertained from the extant photos of Andrew Woodall's dwelling.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates c.1860 Builder/Architect Unknown

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Andrew Woodall house site is important to the study of architecture because it is the only Italianate style house in Georgetown. It is more significant because the builder was a man of great energy and enterprise. Captain Woodall was the most successful mid-19th century shipper from Georgetown, having had a greater impact on the port of Georgetown since it was burned by the British in 1813.

It is unclear, from the records already searched, when Andrew Woodall acquired lot #7, but lots #14 and #15 were acquired by his father Simon in 1838 from Catherine Pearce. He paid part of the purchase money and then made an arrangement for Mrs. Pearce to sell them to Andrew for the remainder of the money. The deed was recorded in 1849. Woodall purchased adjoining lots from the tax collector in 1852 on which he build warehouses. The profit he made on shipping merchandise to market he either put into other properties or held mortgages for others. In some instances when the mortgagees were unable to meet their commitment, the property was foreclosed. By the time of his death he owned about a dozen farms in Cecil and Kent Counties, some of which remain in the ownership of his descendants.

On the 1860 map, Andrew Woodall is shown residing in the house on lot #7. In the 1877 Atlas his residence appears to have changed to Colechester, just south of Georgetown, but he retained the town house.

The town house remained in the family until the 1960's when it was sold to the Georgetown Yacht Basin which demolished the houses on the property and enlarged their dockage.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Kent County Land Records
Unpublished monograph on Georgetown by Justine Woodall.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification _____

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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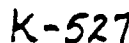
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**Lake, Griffing, Stevenson
Atlas of Kent Co., 1877
Fourth District Map**

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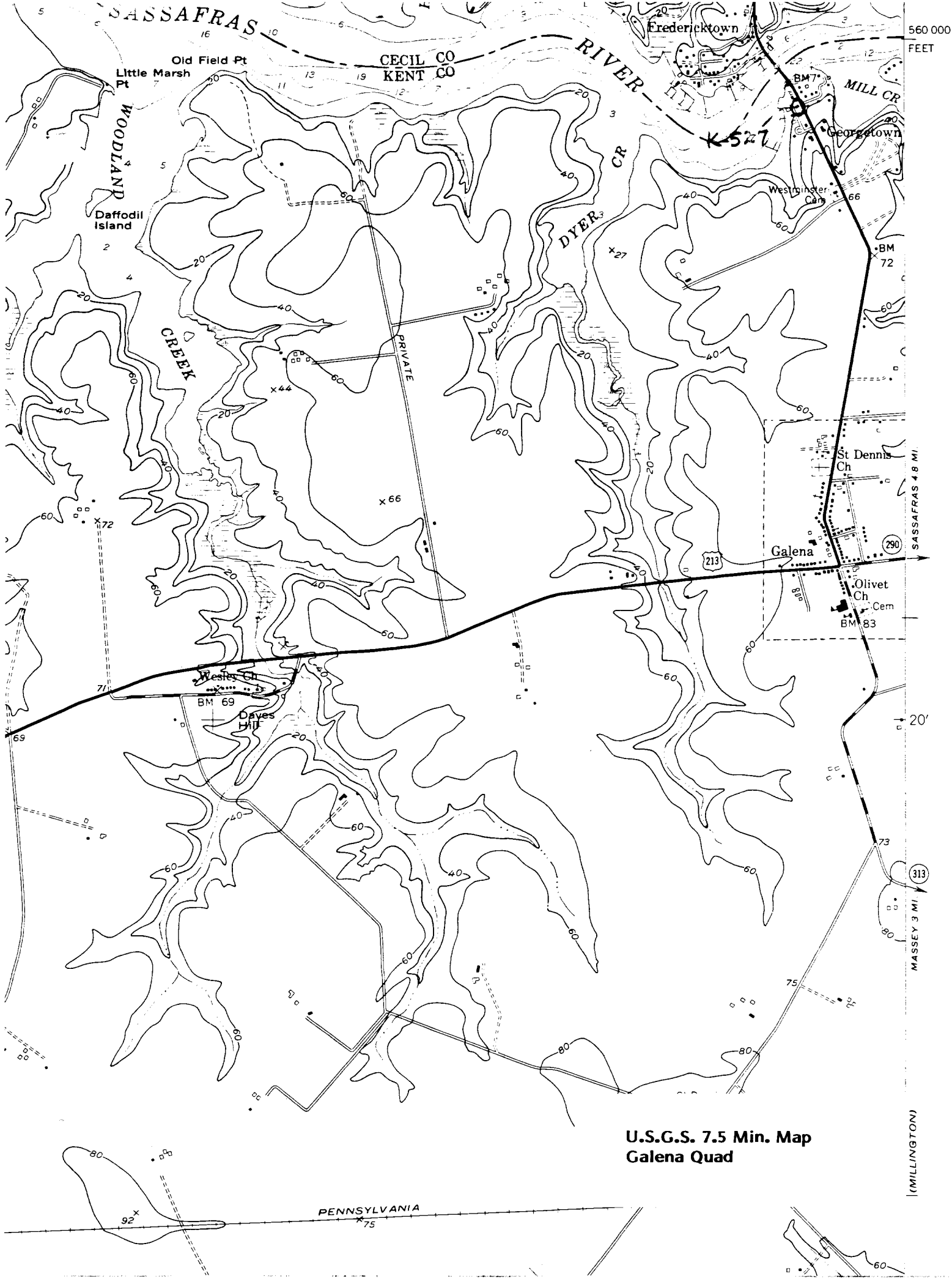
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U.S.G.S. 7.5 Min. Map
Galena Quad

(MILLINGTON)



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